Simplifying the Super Reforms

Class Super features and reports to help manage the Super Reforms

The super reforms introduced in the 2016/17 Federal Budget brought the most significant changes to the superannuation system in over a decade.

Class has developed an easy to use suite of tools and reports to help accountants, planners and their clients to easily manage the changes – all of which are available for free with Class Super.

1.   Member Console Filters

Using advanced data filters in the Class Member Console, you can easily identify clients that have a pension or super balance greater than, or equal to, $1.6m.

The filters also allow you to identify clients that have a TRIS, have reached preservation age, are 65 or above, and those that have funds with assets segregated for pensions. We've also added filters which show current contribution levels, as well as members who have currently triggered the bring forward rule for non-concessional contributions.

2.   Bulk Pension Commutations

Class allows you to easily commute one or more account based pensions at once and create a single set of documents, rather than creating separate commutation events and documents for each pension. Since many members have multiple account based pensions, this greatly speeds up the process of commuting members with pension balances greater than the $1.6m transfer balance cap.

Class users can either enter how much they want to commute for each account based pension or simply enter a total amount and click 'calculate' to automatically allocate across all selected account based pensions, with a number of selectable criteria eg Lowest to highest tax free percentage, or Oldest to newest start date.

Once the event has been submitted, you can then generate a single document for the Request Letter, Minutes or Resolution and Confirmation Letter instead of creating separate sets of documents for each individual commutation.

3. CGT Relief Application

Class has created two reports to allow you to identify a list of investments at parcel level which may potentially take advantage of the transitional CGT relief. The reports cater for funds using the segregated or proportionate method and will allow you to start a discussion with your clients about any CGT relief they may choose to take advantage of.

Class has also released additional functionality which enables you to:

- Make elections to the list of investments to undertake the CGT relief.

- Provide a template to create a minute/resolution.

- Reset the CGT date and cost base to market value to 30 June 2017 for proportionate funds or to any date between 9 November 2016 and 30 June 2017 for segregated funds.

- Calculate the amount of deferred capital gains to be reported in the 2016/17 CGT Schedule.

- Record the deferred capital gains at parcel level so that the correct deferred capital gains can be reported when the CGT assets are eventually sold.

"We couldn't have implemented the Super Reforms without Class… all of the templates and reporting we found fantastic." *David Cook, Accumen*

4. Contribution Caps

Class has implemented the reduced Concessional and Non-Concessional Contribution Caps which came into effect from 1 July 2017.

The Bring Forward Rules (BFR) that interact with the total super balance have also been updated for these changes, and the transitional amounts for BFR triggered in 2015/16 and 2016/17 FY have been implemented.

5. Transfer Balance Account Reporting

Class Super will take care of the complexity brought about by Transfer Balance Account Reporting. The system will automatically record in the background which events need to be reported to the ATO.

All you'll need to do is periodically generate a single file across every fund in your business to send to the ATO and you're done. If you change anything, we will make sure that we send any corrections automatically the next time you generate the file.

About Class

Class is the developer of Australia's leading cloud-based SMSF administration software, Class Super and Class Portfolio, a powerful software solution for administration and reporting of non-SMSF entities.

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